

City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission

September 26, 2022 Meeting Agenda

City of Whitewater Municipal Building

Community Room - 1st Floor - 4:30 p.m. and Virtual

312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

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Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Hearing of Citizens Comments: No formal action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become part of a future agenda. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time, however citizens are invited to speak on specific issues as the UFC discusses them.

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of August 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer's Report: (Leaver)

Staff Report: (Neumeister) Street tree planting update, Arboretum tree and shrub planting beds update, Karen McCullough tree status, Walton Oaks and Effigy Mounds status

Arboretum Update: Watering of shrubs and trees; remarking areas for planting of remaining shrubs and trees completed, continue to weed beds; begin Plants Map updating with rest of Arb.; figure out who to order tree tags from that will work with PlantsMap and order (Stanek). Tree planting press release (Oberle)

Welcome and Education Center update; siting with Ross Walton and plans for excavation and construction continue. Nies will organize crew for construction to happen in October 2022. Structure has been delivered to the City Garage. Status of press releases for Generac/structure.

Status of Starin Park's historic water tower (Oberle and McCormick)

Grant progress: Eric Boettcher, Neumeister and Staneks met and discussed status of 2022 DNR Grant. After considering where we are, the decision was made to ask for an extension of a year. Focus for 2023 will be completing 2022 grant components to satisfy that grant: informational signage, adult and children's programming, tree inventory, tree and stump removal, tree pruning and any other component not yet satisfied. Focus for 2023 after those things are completed will be to raise funds to continue educational signage, path development and spring 2023 Community Tree Sale, as well as further development of the Friends of the Arb. and other outreach in the community. UFC and City will not apply for a new grant for 2023 and will revisit applying for 2024 next year.

Bird City/Bird Talk: Purple Martin updates: (Chandler), two houses to be covered yet this fall. The Chimney Swifts migrated before we could do a Swift Count! Discuss a Christmas Bird Count and decide whether we can do this in 2023 to satisfy Bird City event requirements.

Items For Future Discussion:

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: October 24, 2022

